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In re Application of:

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## AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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Responsive to the office action of May 15, 2001, please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 to 25 and add the following claims:

--26. A single stranded oligonucleotide OY comprising 9 to 42 nucleotides of the sequence  $Y_1-Y_2-Y_3-Y_4-Y_5$  wherein  $Y_1$  is a nucleotide sequence of 1 to 12 nucleotides or is absent,  $Y_2$  is a trinucleotide which encodes for Gly, Y3 is a nucleotide coding for Arg or Lys, Y4 is a nucleotide coding for Arg or Lys and  $Y_{5}$  is a nucleotide sequence ,  $Y_6 \text{-} Y_7 \text{-} Y_8 \text{-} Y_9$  wherein  $Y_6$  is a trinucleotide which codes for Ser, Thr or Tyr,  $Y_7$  is a trinucle otide which codes for any amino acid,  $Y_8$  is a trinucleotide which codes for Glu or Asp and  $Y_9$  is a nucleotide sequence of 1 to 12 nucleotides or is absent.

27. absent.

An oligonucleotide of claim 26 wherein Y, and Y, are